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Dear Sir:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 1, 2000**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

In the Claims

Claim 16 has been amended as follows.

16. (amended once) A compound of formula (1):

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